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November 22, 1972

Mr. Brian Farley, Staff Member,
Special Joint Committee
Rongelap & Utirik Atolls
Congress of Micronesia
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

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Dear Mr. Farley:

Reference is made to your letter to Dr. Conard dated October 27 relative to matters of the Rongelap and Utirik Atolls. Dr. Conard has sent us a copy of this letter to furnish whatever information is available from the AEC Honolulu office.

With respect to the \$16,000.00 for the inconvenience payment to the Utirik people, it is our understanding gained from a meeting at Majuro on November 3, 1971 between Oscar DeBrum, Dr. Conard and myself that \$16,000.00 was being held at Saipan. Mr. DeBrum, at that time, indicated that he would initiate an action for the money to be transferred to Majuro. Mr. Charles Dominick joined the meeting and stated the method of distributing the money and the amounts was not settled. According to Mr. Dominick the Utirik people were concerned about the total amount and that two attorneys had been contacted to review the case.

When I was in Majuro on November 14, 1972, I made an inquiry of Oscar DeBrum of the status of the money. Mr. DeBrum replied that the money was not on Majuro and he was attempting to ascertain if it was at Saipan. Dr. Conard is also attempting, thru our Washington office, to determine the status of the \$16,000.00.

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With respect to your second item concerning the use of land by the AEC on Rongelap, please be advised that Lease Agreement No. TT-L-69-14 between the Trust Territory and the AEC was executed by the AEC on May 5, 1969 with the original sent to the High Commissioner on May 7, 1969. This agreement covers the use of 4 small parcels of land on which the AEC facilities are presently located. Detailed information concerning this agreement should be available at the High Commissioner's office on Saipan.

Very truly yours,

Original Signed By
WILLIAM K. STREENAN

W. K. Streenan
Acting Director

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cc: Dr. R. A. Conard, BNL
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